CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2011

INVOCATION:
Reverend Charles Hofschulte of St. Louis de Montfort Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Community Development Appel, Director of Parks & Recreation Posada, Utilities Engineer Kahn, Human Resources Manager Lara, Management Analyst II van de Kamp, Management Analyst Ladue, Facility Specialist II Fuentes, and Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

LIGHTS, SIGHTS, AND HOLIDAY NIGHTS
Director of Recreation and Parks Posada introduced Facility Specialist II Fuentes and announced the winners of the 2011 "Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Holiday Decoration Contest," and Recreation & Parks Commissioner Grennan presented awards to those who were present. The City was divided into four quadrants in order to award a Best Residence to each section of town. This year's winners were:

Lifetime of Achievement Winners
Earl and Donna Thacker – 1749 North Vine Street
Larry and Michelle Iliff – 917 North Beth Court
Michael B. Clayton and Associates Attorney at Law – 400 East Orange Street

Best Decorated Residence (4 quadrants)

South East Quadrant	Robert and Glynda Dias	670 East Newlove Drive
South West Quadrant	Romeo and Minda Aguinaldo	2436 Rolling Green Drive
North East Quadrant	Tom and Linda Emery	202 North Palisade Drive
North West Quadrant	Jose Jimenez	923 North Thornburg Street

Best of Show
Robert and Sandra Dickerson – 104 Palm Court

The Spirit of Santa Maria
Bob and Stephanie Melena – 1324 East Valley Oak Place

Best Animation
Ron and Bobbi Wulfing – 512 North College Drive

Best Craftsmanship
Larry and Patti Stewart – 330 South Scott Drive

Award of Excellence Winners
Marian Medical Center – 1400 East Church Street
Ernie Vea – 476 South Palisade Drive

Enriquez Family – 519 North Brian Street
Moreno Mortuary – 214 North Lincoln Drive
Marilyn Pike – 519 West Taylor Street, Sp. #249
James Alexander – 1324 Marie Court
John Hindle – 1030 Cortez Drive
Lourdes and Butch Curaza – 948 West Liberty Street
Earl and Victoria Capelle – 1030 West El Camino Street
John and Kim Sabedra – 2859 Stardust Drive
Betty's Fabrics – 1627 South Broadway
Anonymous – 337 South Western

RESOLUTION FOR JEFF JONES

Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2011-150 commending Fire Chief Jeff Jones for his years of dedicated service and contributions to the City and community, and congratulated him on his retirement and wished him continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2011-150 commending Jeff Jones was adopted on motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Lavagnino announced that, among other achievements, Chief Jones led the effort to acquire two pieces of steel from World Trade Center to be placed in front of the two new fire stations, and thanked him.

Fire Chief Jeff Jones spoke about his eight years of service with the City and the department. He has 33 years in the fire service, and is honored to finish his career in this City. He thanked Former Fire Chief Ortiz for asking him to join the City's team. The friendships he has forged will last forever. He has appreciated working with a great Fire Department and fire fighters. Without the leadership of City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, and the Department Heads working collaboratively, he did not think the City would run as efficiently as it does even during lean times. He thanked the Administrative staff, Tracy and Kristi, who have done an outstanding job to assist him. He requested support for the Fire Department with the sales tax measure, and would do whatever he could to help get the word out. He spoke about the support of his wife and looks forward to retirement with her.

City Manager Ness thanked Jeff Jones for the superlative job he had done for the last two years as Fire Chief, and eight years as Battalion Chief. The City was very lucky to get him to come to Santa Maria. The fire fighters and floor personnel have rallied around to support Chief Jones and the City during these tough times. Over his 22 years with the City, the fire fighters have been incredible to work with. He wished Chief Jones, his wife and family the best in retirement.

NEW FIRE CHIEF INTRODUCTION AND SWEARING IN

City Manager Ness introduced incoming Fire Chief Dan Orr. Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz administered the Oath of Office and presented him with a Certificate of Appointment. Fire Chief Orr's wife, Melinda, pinned on his badge.

Fire Chief Orr thanked his family for their love and support. He thanked City Manager Ness and Assistant City Manager Haydon for their faith and support. It was time to pass a new revenue stream which will assist the community. He looks forward to working with the City Council and with City Management on this essential ballot measure. Fire fighters and Fire Department staff know the meaning of service and sacrifice. They are motivated by love of the job, not by political posture or personal gain. The City has one of the most professional and caring Fire Departments in California. His goal is to move the Department from professional to iconic. He is truly humbled to be the leader and thanked them for the honor.

RESOLUTION FOR TIM NESS

Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2011-151 commending City Manager Tim Ness for his 22 years of dedicated service and contributions to the City and community, and congratulated him on his retirement and wished him continued good health and many years of happiness in all his future endeavors.

Resolution No. 2011-151 commending Tim Ness was adopted on motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Lavagnino commented that had he wrote the resolution it would have said "City Manager Ness was the right man, at the right time, in the right place; and he is the best City Manager in the State of California bar any city of any size." City Manager Ness was also presented with a key to the City by Mayor Lavagnino.

City Manager Ness commented that he was honored and privileged to have worked for the City of Santa Maria for 22 years. He is one of three City Managers in 51 years. The City's staff are the most skilled, productive, results-oriented, and effective group of workers he had ever seen. Without their assistance and help, he would have never been able to do his job as effectively. He individually thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support over the years. He also thanked Bob Hatch and the Chamber of Commerce. The City had developed a positive, working professional relationship with the Chamber which was critical. He thanked his family for their support and understanding of the long hours for such a demanding job. He will miss everyone dearly, but he knows that he is leaving the most effective and accomplished person, Rick Haydon, as the next City Manager.

Bob Hatch wished everyone Merry Christmas and congratulated Fire Chiefs Jones and Orr. He commented that City Manager Ness did what was best for the City at all times. They collaborated on many projects and always came to an agreement in the end. The City has moved forward through the toughest of times because of City Manager Ness. The City's success is due to his leadership, and he is grateful for knowing him.

At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Lavagnino called for a short recess. Mayor Lavagnino reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Radzyminski spoke on behalf of the Santa Maria Police Officers Association expressing concern over the call for bids for the retrofit of the proposed police facility. The City has over $1 million set aside for a convention center, and he was not sure how much had been set aside for the retrofit. If the Council has the ability to set aside the funds for these purposes, then they should look at redirecting the funds for more important and immediate needs. With major staffing issues, the detective bureau is over worked with the increase in violent crimes. This is forcing patrol officers to take on the additional burdens. Most members are unable to receive in-service training due to lack of funds and have been told it was available for mission critical training only. He thinks due to recent incidents, redefining what constitutes mission critical is necessary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Lavagnino requested Item 3E and 3J be pulled for comment. Councilmember Boysen requested Item 3F be pulled for comment. Councilmembers Cordero and Patino also requested 3J be pulled for comment.

Item 3E – Cancelling January 3, 2012, meeting
Mayor Lavagnino indicated that he wanted the public to be aware the next City Council meeting was cancelled.

Item 3F – Voluntary Time Off (VTO) program
Councilmember Boysen commented that the City does have the alternative to dip into specific excess reserves. He is not recommending that, but thinks it should be noted.

Item 3J – Call for Bids
Mayor Lavagnino commented that this item was simply giving approval to call for bids. At any time, the City could reject them if the Council chose. It was very short-sided to use one-time funds for ongoing expenses.

Councilmember Cordero agreed with Mayor Lavagnino regarding the use of one-time funds being used for ongoing expenses. He was interested in the costs associated with the project, but felt the project may have to be put on the back burner because of other priorities. He wants another opportunity to review the matter to be sure the Council would be doing the right thing.

Councilmember Patino commented that the City Council approved the purchase of the building and set up a financial plan years ago. No general funds were being spent, and the funds were coming from the rental income. The current police building is inadequate. The communications system is old and if it stops working, the City has a real safety issue. Public safety is number one, and the building is part of that. The Council should move forward.

City Manager Ness stated that in putting together the master plan for the police facility, research and design were done to determine the cost to buy land and build a new police station. When the plan was put together 15 years ago, the cost was prohibitive. The City found the Betteravia building several years later. The City of Santa Barbara was looking at conceptual plans to build a new 40,000 square foot police facility that will cost $48 million. The Betteravia building was purchased for $13 million. When the financial plan was put together it called for $6 million in retrofit and tenant improvements. The total cost was approximately $19 million. They are expecting the bids for this project to come in $1.5 to $1.8 million, all of which are being paid for by rental income. He cautioned the Council on spending one time monies for ongoing costs. That is why the quarter cent sales tax measure was so important. He hoped the Council would endorse it and place it on the ballot in June 2012. It would provide the funding needed to re-fund and rehire the police officers that have been lost in the budget process.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3L were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 6, 2011, were approved as submitted.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
Resolution No. 2011-152 was adopted amending the City of Santa Maria's Conflict of Interest Code.

Resolution No. 2011-152 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMEMDING APPENDIX "A" OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR DESIGNATED FILERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

D. CITY-WIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE
Resolution No. 2011-153 was adopted approving revisions to the City-wide Records Retention Schedule.

Resolution No. 2011-153 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITY-WIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

E. CANCEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Resolution No. 2011-154 was adopted cancelling the January 3, 2012, City Council meeting due to lack of agenda items.

Resolution No. 2011-154 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CANCELLING THE FIRST CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY 2012.

F. VOLUNTARY TIME OFF (VTO) PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2011-155 was adopted extending the designated period of economic hardship through December 31, 2012, and continuing to authorize the City Manager to implement the Voluntary Time Off (VTO) Program.

Resolution No. 2011-155 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING THE DESIGNATED PERIOD OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, AND VOLUNTARY TIME OFF (VTO) PROGRAM THROUGH CALENDAR YEAR 2012.

G. WARRANTS

Warrant Nos. 169743 to 169955 totaling $1,851,595.03 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 169739 and 169904 were cancelled.

H. PAYROLL

Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

I. AWARD OF BID

Resolution No. 2011-156 was adopted authorizing the appropriation of $57,370 to be allocated to the Santa Maria Police Department under the provisions of the Office of Traffic Safety, California Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-grant Program, in concert with the terms and conditions contained therein.

Resolution No. 2011-156 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING FUNDING UNDER THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY'S SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT MINI-GRANT PROGRAM.

J. CALL FOR BIDS

The City Council gave approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Bid No. 2012/08, Santa Maria Police Facility Structural Retrofit.

K. WEED ABATEMENT

Resolution No. 2011-157 was adopted approving and confirming a report of additional weed abatement costs for assessment purposes, and direct staff to notify the County Auditor Controller's Office to collect the assessments as part of the property tax bills.

Resolution No. 2011-157 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING REPORT OF WEED ABATEMENT COSTS FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES BY THE STREETS AND FACILITIES SUPERVISOR.

L. INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Resolution No. 2011-158 was adopted authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to create a fund for the "closure/post-closure maintenance and corrective action for the Santa Maria Integrated Waste Management Facility at Los Flores Ranch."

Resolution No. 2011-158 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION TRUST FUND.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND READING OF A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ADDING CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE 12 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, Z-2011-003, E-2011-037, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION AND PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING A FEE FOR THE PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS. Community Development Director Appel gave the staff report. The City Council is asked to approve the second reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 51 of Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code to establish a procedure for considering and processing requests for Development Agreements, and establish a new fee based on time and material for processing the Development Agreement application. On December 6, 2011, the City Council approved the first reading of a zoning text amendment adding Chapter 51 to Title 12, Development Agreements. At that meeting, staff discussed a fee resolution to cover the time for City staff to process Development Agreement applications. The fee resolution was prepared to reflect the discussion at the Council meeting of December 6, 2011. It includes the process for an applicant to submit a deposit at the time of application submittal, requires the account to remain current prior to noticing for the two public hearings, and that a final accounting assures all bills have been paid or refunds made, and that no funds remain in the account. A processing fee deposit in the amount of $3,000 was proposed which was one-half the minimum cost to process a development agreement. Staff would draw down the deposit using the outside billing rates for the work done on the development agreement by the various departments. Should the deposit be exhausted, an additional deposit would be collected to complete the processing. A provision was also added to provide an option for the City Council to consider a future partial to full refund or rebate of the applicant's processing fees depending on the project's future ability to develop a significant number of long-term local jobs or offer significant benefits to the Community. If the City Council believes that the applicant can provide these benefits, the Development Agreement would incorporate performance standards to determine if the goals have been met.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the continued public hearing. Hearing no requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Patino asked if the applicant would be a part of the performance standards process, and confirmed that the conceptual review process did not cost the applicant anything. She thought workshops to better educate the developers would be helpful.

Director of Community Development Appel responded that the City wanted to make sure the process was understood by both parties. The development agreement would explain what benefits the applicant would receive, as well as the rebate process. In 2012, the department intends to start a series of workshops that would help the departments and the applicants better understand what was necessary to complete a project.

Councilmember Patino asked about the financing mechanism for public improvements, and what it entailed.

Director of Community Development Appel responded that it was a standard requirement of development agreements if there were infrastructure improvements.

The second reading by title only was conducted for Ordinance No. 2011-11 to add Chapter 51 to Title 12 of the Municipal Code to establishing a procedure for processing of development agreements. On motion by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2011-11 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 51 TO TITLE 12 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION AND PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS. Z-2011-003, E-2011-037.

Resolution No. 2011-159 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-159 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FEE FOR THE PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS.

AMENDMENT TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU); WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGES FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS; AND EXTENDING SALARY CONCESSIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSIONERS, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE 2012 CALENDAR YEAR.

Assistant City Manager Haydon gave the staff report. Over the last three years, the National, State and local economies have been impacted by one of the most significant recessions this Country has experienced. A recession that resulted in a housing market collapse, high unemployment rates, lower than normal consumer confidence and an unprecedented increase in retail and commercial vacancies. As the City's major revenue sources in the General Fund are economy driven, when the economy is down, so are City revenues. The City entered 2011-12 with a multi-million dollar budget deficit and balanced it with a combination of one-time financing, elimination of full-time and part-time positions, and anticipated concessions from all employee groups. City staff has met with each of the represented bargaining groups to garner economic concessions for calendar year 2012. All employee groups were informed that the City was in a concession bargaining position and was seeking a continuation of existing concessions. Negotiations with SEIU, the non-represented managers and confidential employees, and public safety managers have concluded. Each of the negotiated packages call for a continuation of the existing compensation concessions for 2012. With the exception of full-time solid waste personnel, SEIU agreed to five percent compensation concessions and continue the Mandatory Time Off (MTO) Program totaling 13 days. Full-time solid waste personnel agreed to a four percent compensation concession. City offices will be closed for the MTO days on the third Friday of every month except in the month of December. During the month of December, City offices will be closed the second Friday along with December 24th, Christmas Eve. The landfill will recognize thirteen different days and will be closed to the public on January 8, February 19, March 18, April 22, May 13, June 17, July 22, August 19, September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 23. Non-represented Management and Confidential Employees and Public Safety Managers have agreed to wage and benefit packages of the five percent salary concessions to continue into 2012. Modifications also included contribution adjustments to health insurance, cash out provisions, and clean up language in the appropriate respective resolutions. Ordinance 2008-02 provides for the City Council to receive a monthly salary. In 2011, the City Council voluntarily took a five percent reduction to their salaries. Staff proposed the opportunity to continue the voluntary reduction for 2012. Similar action was taken regarding the stipends of Planning Commissioners' and Recreation and Parks Commissioners' compensation in the prior year. Staff proposed continuation of the five percent reduction for 2012. The fiscal impact of the compensation concessions through June 20, 2012, is anticipated to be approximately $505,000, with an annual savings of slightly more than one million dollars during the 2012 calendar year. The General Fund savings is anticipated to be approximately $296,250. Staff is currently in discussions

with the Santa Maria Police Officers Association and hoping to bring to Council a contract extension agreement in 2012.

Mayor Lavagnino commented that there will be no layoffs. The employees have made a tremendous sacrifice for the City. When the time came, he hoped that members on the City Council would make amends.

Assistant City Manager Haydon indicated that it was not an easy task sitting across the table from employees asking for a continuation of existing concessions. It was the third year in a row that employees had come forward and agreed to concessions. Other neighboring cities had not garnered concessions from their employees. They had only staved off cost-of-living increases. The City was been able to go one step further with a two-tiered retirement system and garnered a continuation of concessions.

Councilmember Orach commented that SEIU was the first to step up in the mid 1990's and initiate the MTOs.

Daniel Vegezzi, President of SEIU Local 620, commented that it represented 300 employees. SEIU was the first and only bargaining unit to agree to furloughs and layoffs in 1993-94. They were being asked to step up for a third year in a row now. They continue to keep the City up and running providing stellar service to the residents of the City. It was not in the City's best interest to continue using its employees as a revenue source, and it could no longer be an option in the future. They had nothing more to give. The City needs to look for a new revenue source. Members of Local 620 stand behind the quarter cent sales tax measure. They were also residents of the City, and understood the need to share in the cost of keeping the City afloat during the tough economic times. He thanked Assistant City Manager Haydon and the bargaining team for negotiating an agreement in good faith within the parameters given. He also thanked City Manager Ness for working with Local 620 over the years, and wished him the best in his retirement.

Councilmember Patino thanked Mr. Vegezzi and the members of Local 620. The Council is often complimented about the City's employees.

Resolution No. 2011-160 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-160 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LOCAL 620.

Resolution No. 2011-161 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-161 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED FULL-TIME MANAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.

Resolution No. 2011-162 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-162 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS.

Resolution No. 2011-163 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-163 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING SALARY CONCESSIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AND RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSIONERS.

Resolution No. 2011-164 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-164 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING ELECTED OFFICIALS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THEIR COMPENSATION BY FIVE PERCENT.

MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT

City Manager Ness introduced this item. The City Council entertained a nomination from the Mayor for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Mayor Lavagnino nominated Councilmember Orach to be Mayor Pro Tem for 2012. Councilmember Patino seconded the motion. The nomination was ratified on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The meeting for January 3rd has been cancelled. City Manager Ness reported on items anticipated for the January 17, 2012, City Council meeting, including the adoption of a resolution calling for an election for a sales tax override ballot measure for the June 2012 election. It would be the last opportunity the Council would have to make a decision to place that item on the June ballot. It will take a 5-0 vote of the City Council. The ballot measure's number one priority is to support public safety and refund some of the unfunded positions in the police department, as well as to hire new firefighters to staff the new Fire Station No. 5. Also anticipated are the annual board appointments to the All-America City Committee, Landmark Committee, and the Santa Maria Community Television Board. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the City Council.

Councilmember Orach has had the pleasure to work with each of the three City Managers. City Manager Ness has done so much for the City, including fundraising. He is proud to be his friend and hates to see him go.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Cordero attended the Maldonado Center appreciation ceremony for the soldiers, a CAC dinner meeting at Pea Soup Andersons, spent 5-days in Idaho with his son, a retirement party for Chris Vaughn, and the First Baptist Church Living Nativity.

Mayor Lavagnino attended the North County Subregional meeting in Buellton, the school car raffle, the "Images of America Santa Maria Valley" book signing, the Quarterly Schools meeting at Allan Hancock College, the Rancho Hermosa ribbon cutting ceremony, Pat Perez's retirement luncheon, and the First Baptist Church Living Nativity.

Councilmember Patino attended the Freedom Memorial, the United Agri-Business League ribbon cutting ceremony, Pat Perez' retirement luncheon, the Santa Maria Fighting Back youth awards ceremony, the DARE Graduation, and the Rotary Christmas party. She also commented on Mr. Ness's good reputation in the community.

Councilmember Boysen thanked City Manager Ness for putting priorities in the right place and supporting the nonprofit community. He attended the Freedom Memorial, toured Homeboy Industries in the Los Angeles area, and the Rancho Hermosa ribbon cutting ceremony.

Councilmember Cordero commented that when he decided to run for the City Council, he spoke to City Manager Ness often. Mr. Ness took the time to advise him and help him to understand what pitfalls to avoid that would be in conflict with his responsibilities to the police department. Without City Manager Ness's help and guidance, running for City Council would have been a very difficult task.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Representative: Assistant City Manager; Employee Organization: Santa Maria Police Officers Assoc. (SMPOA).

After the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Labor Negotiator: A status report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

January 17, 2012
Date

Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk

Mayor